

New & Noteworthy Books and Reports: January 2022

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1. Civil Rights in Black and Brown: Histories of Resistance and Struggle in Texas

By Max Krochmal and J. Todd Mbye, eds.

Draws from the oral history database, [Civil Rights in Black and Brown Oral History Project](#), to further record a "people's history" of the grassroots civil rights movement in Texas. Emphasizes the intersection between Black and Hispanic activism in the 1960s and 70s. Offers essays on student protests at Prairie View A&M, the leadership of Héctor P. García in Corpus Christi, the collaborative activism in 1970s San Antonio, involving former Representative [G.J. Sutton](#), and the military experience of former Representative [Ben T. Reyes](#) and other minorities.

University of Texas Press, 2021, 469 pages

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2. Interim Studies Established by the 87th Texas Legislature: Regular, 2nd, and 3rd Called Sessions

By Texas Legislative Council

Identifies interim studies and reports required by laws passed by the 87th Legislature, including [SB 1](#), the General Appropriations Act.

Focuses on studies resulting in a one-time report to the legislature, legislative committees, or a legislative agency. Organizes them by subject area and, within each subject area, in bill order and includes indexes by bill number and the submitting entity - the agency or other entity required to submit a report on the study.

Texas Legislative Council, 2021, 114 pages

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3. Property Tax Relief for Homeowners

By Adam H. Langley and Joan Youngman

Discusses strengths and weaknesses of the property tax as it is currently structured and utilized throughout the U.S. Evaluates the impact of various property tax relief approaches, including rate, levy, and assessment limits, circuit breakers, deferrals, and monthly payment plans. Provides case studies of the most and least effective tax relief programs from several states and addresses tax swaps and homestead exemption audits in Texas. Offers suggestions for a more equitable and effective tax system.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2021, 64 pages

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4. Today's Health Care Issues: Democrats and Republicans

By Robert B. Hackey and Todd M. Olszewski

Examines current health care issues in debates regarding the role of government in our society. Discusses in essay format, eighteen of the most pressing concerns in contemporary health policy including health care reform, pharmaceuticals, and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Provides an overview of each issue, followed by a discussion of the Republican and Democratic ideologies, and what common ground might exist.

ABC-CLIO, 2021, 380 pages

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5. War on the Border: Villa, Pershing, the Texas Rangers, and an American Invasion

By Jeff Guinn

Offers an overview of violence in the region between the U.S. and

Mexico in the early 20th century. Focuses on Pancho Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico in 1917 and the subsequent "Punitive Expedition" of American troops into Northern Mexico. Discusses the Texas Rangers' role in border violence and the 1919 investigation of Ranger activity by the Texas House of Representatives, launched by former Representative [José Tomás Canales](#).

Simon & Schuster, 2021, 350 pages

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6. Repairing Jefferson's America: A Guide to Civility and Enlightened Citizenship

By Clay S. Jenkinson

Studies the politics and philosophies of America's third president, Thomas Jefferson. Outlines Jefferson's beliefs regarding topics like wealth, religious freedom, and nature. Provides analysis of Jefferson's writings and a guide for how people might employ Jeffersonian principles in both their private lives and in the public sphere. Offers examples of how to utilize the former president's ideas to discuss modern issues.

Koehlerbooks, 2020, 198 pages

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